

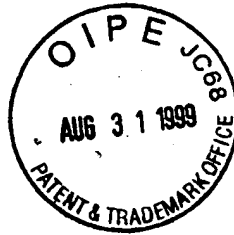
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

JOSEL et al.

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For: OLIGOMERIC CARRIER MOLECULES WITH DEFINED INCORPORATED
MARKER GROUPS AND HAPTEN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 31, 1999

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 39-62 and 64-71, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the
following new claims.

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--72. A conjugate, comprising a synthetically-made polymeric carrier having a
maximum of 100 monomeric units selected from at least one of nucleotides, nucleotide
analogues and amino acids, the conjugate containing 1-10 hapten molecules and 1-10
marker groups or solid phase binding groups, wherein the hapten molecules and the
marker groups or solid phase binding groups are different from each other and are coupled
to reactive side groups at predetermined positions on the polymeric carrier, wherein the
polymeric carrier is prepared by synthesis on a solid phase.